a sensation that they were not being adequately supplied with rice and promises made to them were broken. With this kind of feelings in them the Government thought that they would also take some kind of retaliatory measures and said "We will ban everything that is going from Travancore to British India". I would respectfully ask the Government and the Food Director to consider and remove the ban upon fish. I will also ask the Government to do away with this revenue from fishes and this little department.

Apart from that I have got another suggestion to the Hon'ble Minister. This is decidedly a shell fish. The kernal is called *parippu* and the shell, *i.e.*, the outer covering is called *podi*. I have not tasted that fish at all. My religion forbids me from eating it. Therefore, I cannot eat it. I am not in the least affected by it. You can eat the entire lot. This is an excellent manure if mixed with other substances in a certain proportion. After all the quantity that may be produced in Cochin, although my friend Mr. Peter has said that 50 lakhs worth of manure is to come, you will not get 5 lakhs worth of manure. If you can collect this podi and ask one of your agricultural experts to find out how it shoul be mixed with ashes, leaves or some other manure you will get excellent manure to manure our lands which then would give us not eightfold increase but may give us 16 fold increase. It will increase the produce of the land and enrich the soil, make it rich and yield much more than what you will spend. Some depots may be opened by the Government. Let us see how they will work. These prawns may be bought by the Government. As Mr. Kutty said there is no use of government finding out any market. The merchants will find it out. This valuable manure if lost from the soil, will not come back to us. When it is taken out of the country the agriculturists become poorer. If it is possible for the Government to make an experiment in that way to see whether government cannot buy some of these prawns it will be good. But if you actually go to buy you will not get it.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* The expert opinion is that the kernel is not good for manure.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* This kernal will last for three or four months. In Burma they used to make what they call *nappi*. It is an excellent pickle. They mix it with some condiments and tamarind and eat it. ചൊമ്മീനും ചോറും കിട്ടിയാൽ മതി; തൃപ്തിയാകും. That is a very good combination. The kernal after three or four months putrifies and then it will become very good manure.

Deputy President : Mr. Salem, it is 5 o'clock. I must put the demand to vote.

Demand put and carried

1. Land Revenue (Cranganur)—Rs. 29,550

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Sir, I move for a grant of Rs. 29,550 for Land Revenue—Cranganur.

Demand put and carried

The House rose for the day at 5-5 p.m.

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